

APPROVED

**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’
Public Safety Committee
Meeting of January 21, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chris Granger, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Chris Butler, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Lee District)
- Mr. Chris Granger, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Center District)
- Mr. Scott Hook, Commonwealth Attorney
- Ms. Tanya Wilcox, Treasurer
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Deputy County Administrator
- Mr. Robert Mosier, Sheriff
- Mr. Jeremy Falls, Sheriff’s Office
- Mr. Greg Harris, Sheriff’s Office
- Chief Darren Stevens, DFREM
- Mr. Mark Ciarrocca, DFREM
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fire and Rescue Association (By phone)
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Jon Munch, Finance Department
- Mr. Steve Wright
- Mr. Tony Wells
- Mr. Billy Boyler
- Mr. Andrew Walker
- Tom Pavelko, Staff

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Granger moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Butler.

4. Communications Statistics and Updates

The Sheriff's Office communication statistics for the month of December 2019 were included in the meeting handouts. There were no questions or additional discussion.

5. Update: Public Safety Radio Project

Lt. Col. Jeremy Falls provided the committee with updates on the new public safety radio project. He advised that equipment installation has begun at both Fauquier and Culpeper Communications centers. The new radios have been received and they have started programming them in anticipation of the cut over. All P25 sites are complete and operational. In addition, costs for the legacy system maintenance have been reduced to \$76K, a savings almost 50% from the original estimate. Mr. Granger inquired as to when the new system would go live. Mr. Falls indicated that testing will begin when new foliage appears on the trees in hopes of cutting over to the new system in April.

6. New Bunk Facility: Plains VFD

General discussion ensued regarding a request from The Plains Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a stand-alone dwelling that would serve as the company's bunk facility. Several members of the department explained an additional facility was necessary to ensure adequate staffing in close proximity to the station for timely responses to incidents. They believe this will also be beneficial for recruiting and member retention. Some concerns were raised about financial liability such as reoccurring costs as well as equity of members and other departments. It was recommended that The Plains VFD work with the FRA to consider other solutions that would help them achieve their staffing goals.

7. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mr. Granger called for adjournment at 6:44 pm. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 10th day of February, 2020

Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee